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REPORTING MEMCON ON MAY 8 AND 9 DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE WILL BE POUCHED. MEANWHILE FOLLOWING GENERAL OBSERVATIONS MAY BE USEFUL.

A. JAPANESE CAME TO TALKS, HAVING PREPARED CAREFULLY ON AGENDA TOPICS. THEY WERE CANDID AND FORTHCOMING AND TO A LARGE DEGREE WE SHARED SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS OF AGENDA TOPICS. THE JAPANESE WERE OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING U. S. VIEWS CONCERNING POSSIBLE TWO- KOREA SOLUTION TO KOREAN PROBLEM, AS WELL AS OUR INTENTIONS TOWARDS READ- JUSTMENT OUR RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. MAJOR EMPHASIS OF JAPANESE INTEREST WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS THESE ISSUES, INCLUDING RAMIFICATIONS FOR THE UN.

B. SO FAR AS KOREAN QUESTION IN UN CONCERNED,
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JAPANESE SEE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES IN TERMS OF THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH. THEY APPEARED, HOWEVER, REASONABLY RELAXED AND MADE CLEAR THIS ISSUE HARDLY HAS SAME PUBLIC INTEREST AS DID CHIREP. KEY POINT MADE BY JAPANESE WAS THAT ANY NEW TACTICS IN UNGA SHOULD BE DEVELOPED ON BASIS

LONGER TERM OBJECTIVES OF STABILITY IN KOREA. ON ONE HAND, WE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP PAST TACTICS TOO QUICKLY WITHOUT GAINING LEVERAGE FROM THIS ACTION. BUT, ON OTHER HAND, WE SHOULD NOT HOLD OUT TOO LONG TO POINT WHERE TOTAL UN POSITION RE KOREA LOST. THEY FELT DEFINITE NEED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH U. S. AND WITH ROK, AS WELL AS UK AND AUSTRALIA, IN DETERMINING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER WHA VOTE WHAT COURSE OF ACTION APPEARS BEST SUITED TO ACHIEVE OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES.

C. JAPANESE VIEWS ON SOUTH- NORTH TALKS, SECURITY SITUATION IN ASIA, INTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DE-VELOPMENTS, COINCIDE ALMOST COMPLETELY WITH OURS. ROGERS

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